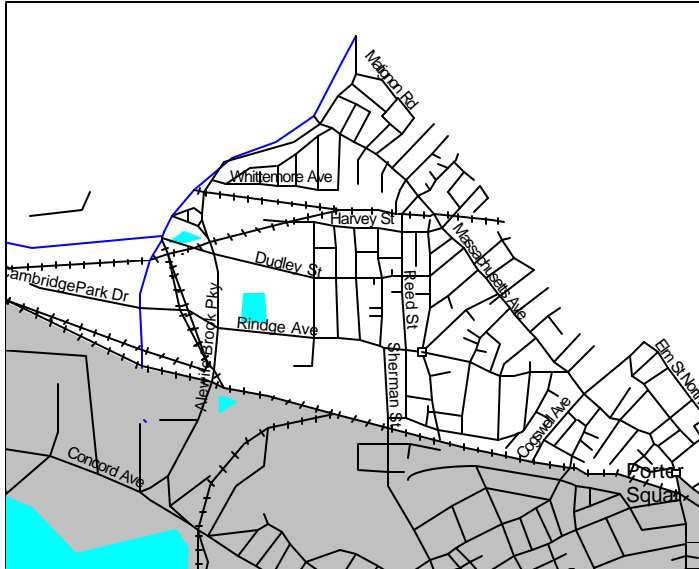
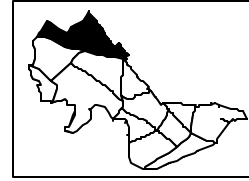


NEIGHBORHOOD 11

NORTH CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the Belmont line, the Arlington Line, the Somerville Line, Porter Square, and the B&M Railroad

POPULATION: 10,642 residents
4,699 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$31,516

Neighborhood #11 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 11R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 11A, 11B, 11C, and 11D.

2002 FIRST QUARTER REVIEW

The North Cambridge neighborhood experienced a significant increase in **housebreaks** this quarter. Multiple breaks were reported on Rindge Avenue and Montgomery, Clay, and Cedar Streets. The majority of incidents involved daytime breaks into multi-unit apartment buildings. Many of the apartments that were broken into were ransacked and items such as cash, jewelry, and in one case, expensive oriental rugs were taken. • Both of the **street robberies** reported in this neighborhood involved violent attacks. The first ended with a woman being stabbed for her purse and the second involved a male suspect who held his victim up at knifepoint while he fondled him and took his wallet. • Both **auto thefts** and **larcenies for motor vehicles** increased, but no patterns were reported. • The **malicious destruction of property** total decreased despite the spree of ten smashed car windows that was reported one night in March in the area of Pemberton and Rice Streets. • Both of the **drug** arrests occurred as a result of arrests for other crimes. The first involved a man arrested for driving offenses, who was later found in possession of prescription drugs. The second involved a suspect in a stabbing, who was frisked and found to be in possession of marijuana.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS FIRST QUARTER 2001 & 2002

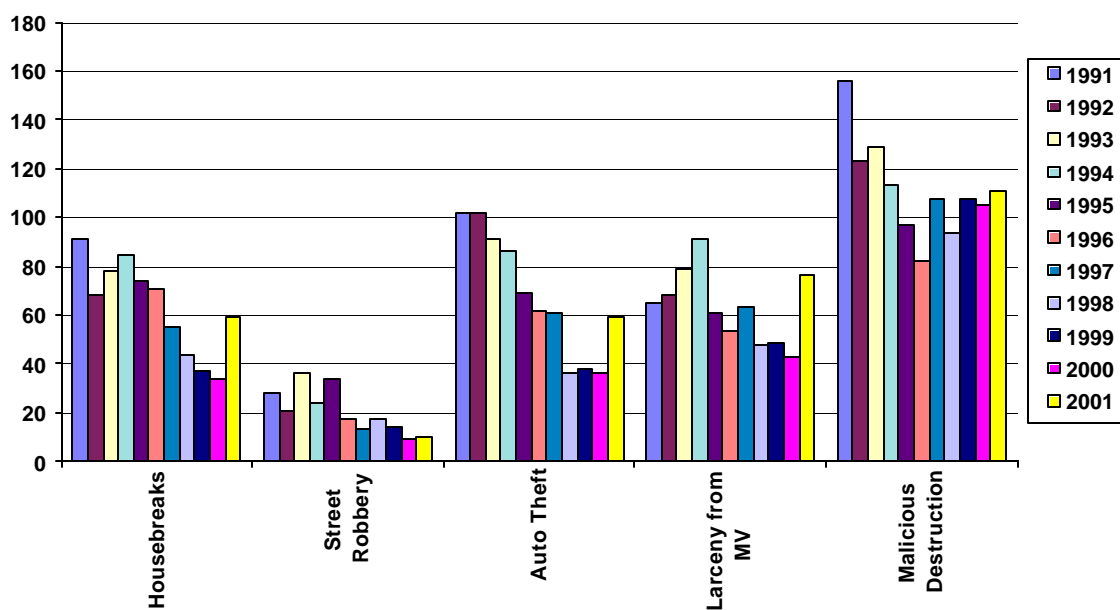
CRIME	1 st Q 2001	1 st Q 2002	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	7	19	+171%
Street Robbery	1	2	+100%
Auto Theft	3	7	+133%
Larceny from MVs	9	12	+33%
Malicious Destruction	26	19	-27%

Drug Arrests	6	2	-67%
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NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

North Cambridge has the third highest population in the city. Its residences include a public housing development (Jefferson Park/Jackson Place) and the towering Fresh Pond Apartments. Within its confines are three major public parks (Rindge Field, Russell Field, and Linear Park), the bustling Porter Square, and the Alewife MBTA Station. Dozens of commercial establishments line Massachusetts Avenue. As with Mid-Cambridge, its elevated crime rate reflects its high residential and commercial population.

- **Housebreak** patterns tend to occur during the summer months. Incidents are scattered quite liberally throughout the neighborhood's residential population. Each year, the Crime Analysis Unit identifies two or three North Cambridge residential burglary patterns. North Cambridge's housebreak totals have decreased since the 1980s, but did not really start rolling downward until 1996.
- **Street robberies** have traditionally been problematic in Russell Field, Linear Park, and around the Alewife MBTA Station. In the most common scenario, local (Cambridge or Somerville) youths will form packs and strong-arm victims walking in these areas late at night. The packs may brandish knives or the occasional handgun. This type of crime has diminished greatly, however, in the past three years.
- **Auto theft** strikes Rindge Avenue (and particularly the Fresh Pond Apartments) in heavy numbers all year round. The related crime of **larceny from motor vehicles** is reported less frequently.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR NORTH CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*
Housebreaks	100	6	64	3	4
Street Robbery	30	5	22	3	9
Auto Theft	130	5	69	4	3
Larceny from MVs	105	6	62	6	4
Malicious Destruction	125	4	111	2	2

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest